

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 62-78 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 66, 72 and 78. No new matter has been added.

The outstanding Office Action noted that should claim 66 be found allowable, Claims 72 and 78 would be rejected as being duplicate thereof. Claims 66, 72 and 78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mangat et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0039923) in view of Steward et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0151991).

Claims 62-65, 67-71 and 73-77 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the rejections of Claims 66, 72 and 78, these claims are amended to be method claims, instead of apparatus claims, dependent from the allowed method Claims 62, 67 and 73. Therefore, the rejections are believed to be overcome by the present amendment and dependent Claims 66, 72 and 78 are believed to be allowable at least for the same reason that Claims 62, 67 and 73 were allowed.

The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which after Final Rejection permits entry of amendments complying with requirements of form set forth in a previous Office Action. As the present amendment merely changes the category of the claimed subject matter of certain dependent claims, it is respectfully requested that 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be liberally construed, and that the present amendment be entered.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in

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condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 62-78 is earnestly solicited.

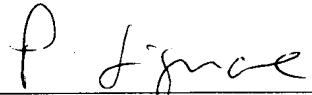
Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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